

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 3, 2006

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, July 3, 2006; at 10:00 a.m. **COMMISSIONERS JIM LOWERY and DENNIS HADALLER** were in attendance.

Commissioner Lowery moved to adopt Consent Agenda Item 1, Resolution No. 06-220, appointing **Commissioner Hadaller** as Chairman Pro Tem. **Commissioner Hadaller** seconded the motion.

Motion carried. 2-0

CHAIRMAN Pro Tem Hadaller who determined a quorum and proceeded with the flag salute called the meeting to order.

NOTICE:

Commissioner Lowery moved to approve notice agenda item 1 **Chairman Hadaller** seconded the motion.

1. **Pertaining to competitive bidding dispensing with advertisement and formal sealed bidding with respect to purchases/leases under \$25,000.00 and notice on Lewis County vendor list and solicitation. Resolution No. 06-219**

Motion carried 2-0

CONSENT:

Commissioner Lowery moved to approve consent agenda item 3 **Chairman Hadaller** seconded the motion.

3. **Resolution No. 06-221 Appointment of members to the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.**

Motion carried 2-0

Chairman Hadaller stated one person signed up for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Merlin MacReynold, City Manager of Chehalis, introduced himself and stated he is very interested in working with the County as a partner. He looks forward to working with the BOCC cooperatively. He gave each of the Commissioners a gift from the City.

Chairman Hadaller thanked him and welcomed him.

Commissioner Lowery said he appreciated his comments and thanked him for the gifts.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Hadaller stated there would now be a hearing on open space transfers and asked for a staff report.

HEARING:

Open Space: applications for classifications of various land parcels under RCW 84.34

Dianne Dorey, Assessor, Went over the hearing and explained the application process. She stated these programs are a tax incentive to keep Lewis County green in the state of Washington and help farmers continue to farm. The Assessor Association is sponsoring a bill and hopes to have the BOCC support when they go to WSAC legislative steering committee. It will be to combine both programs into one.

There are several transfers into designated forestland. Several are less than 5 acres due to circumstances such as the property owner may have other land already designated. The parcel of land is beside a piece of land that is already in the designation.

Commissioner Lowery asked how much this would reduce tax revenues.

Ms. Dorey stated it did not reduce them at all. When one person pays less another pays more. You still get the same piece of pie in the budget it is just distributed differently to the other taxpayers that did not qualify for the program.

Chairman Hadaller asked for questions for the audience. There were none. He closed the questions and answers and asked for a short summary from Ms. Dorey.

Ms. Dorey went over the resolution and stated this was a benefit for Lewis County taxpayers and for the State of Washington.

Chairman Hadaller asked if there were any questions. There were none.

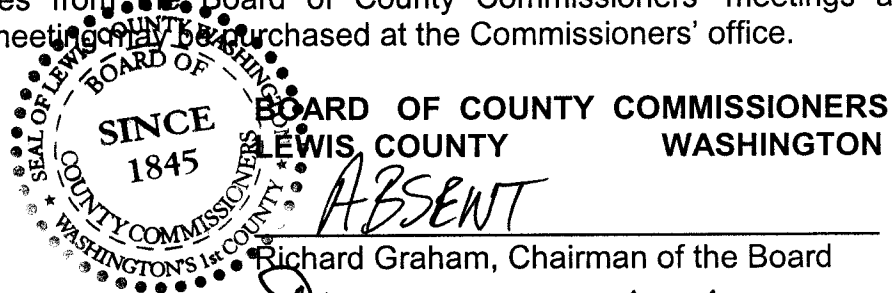
Commissioner Lowery made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-222. **Chairman Hadaller** seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0

Ms. Dorey introduced Greg Snelson, Current Use Specialist in the Assessor Office, who has been doing the work on this project.

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m. on Monday July 3, 2006. The next public meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Karri Muir
Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board
Lewis County Commissioners

Richard Graham, Chairman of the Board

Dennis Hadaller
Dennis Hadaller, Chairman Pro Tem

Jim Lowery
Jim Lowery, Commissioner